## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are all the claims presently pending in the Application. Claims 1-7 have been amended. Claim 3 (second occurrence) has been cancelled. Claims 9-16 have been added to more fully protect the invention.

It is noted that any claim amendments are made to merely clarify the language of each claim, and <u>not</u> for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. It is further noted that, notwithstanding any claim amendments made herein, Applicant's intent is to encompass equivalents of all claim elements, even if amended herein or later during prosecution.

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**AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS** 

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 3 and replaces the

original sheet of drawings.

Attachment: One replacement sheet